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Chefoo—Summary of Plague Deaths.

Consul Foster reports, March 20:

The total number of deaths from plague reported at Chefoo to March 17, is 1,004. The number of plague deaths reported during the week ended March 17 is 57, the lowest reported since the beginning of the outbreak.

Harbin—Status of Plague—Improved Conditions.

Consul Greene reports, March 14:

The plague epidemic at Fuchiatien seems to have practically come to an end, there having been no deaths during the three days ended March 12, and only 3 during the whole week. In Harbin also there is improvement, though there was still an average of 3 deaths per day in the city for the whole week.

The deaths for the week according to the Chinese and Russian officials returns were as follows:

	Mar. 5-11, 1911.	Total since beginning, Nov. 8, 1910.
Harbin.....	23	} 11,542
Bodies found outside city.....	11	
Fuchiatien.....	3	
Total.....	37	5,149
		6,691

140 Europeans.

Both the Russians and the Chinese are reducing the personnel of their plague prevention bureaus. Ten Chinese health officers will be left in Fuchiatien for the present to finish up the work.

According to all reports conditions are improving also in the outlying districts, partly on account of the natural weakening of the epidemic and partly on account of the better understanding on the part of the officials and people of the nature of the disease, which enables them to take the comparatively simple precautions necessary to prevent the spreading of the infection. During the last few weeks, when the number of cases in Fuchiatien has been comparatively small, members of the foreign-trained staff have been sent out to neighboring towns and villages to give instructions as to the measures to be taken against plague. Scouting parties made up of Russian and Chinese officials and physicians, escorted by soldiers of both nationalities, have been investigating conditions on both sides of the railway—to the east, west, and south. It appears that the region around Mulin, which lies to the east of Ninguta on the railway, has been free from plague since the beginning of the epidemic.

Mukden—Status of Plague in South Manchuria.

Consul General Fisher reports, March 7:

According to the returns of the sanitary department, 163 deaths from plague occurred at Mukden during the week ended March 4, as against 177 deaths returned for the week ended February 25. These figures indicate an improvement in conditions at Mukden. The official returns also indicate a general improvement at the other chief